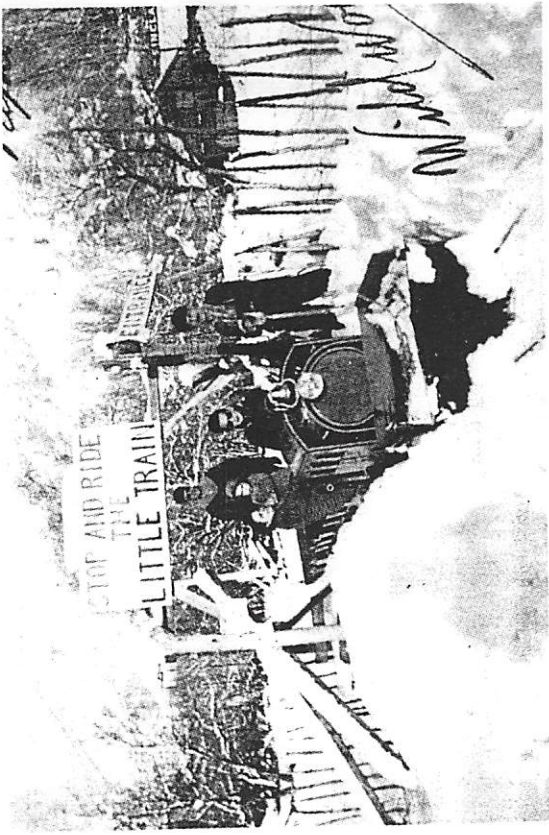


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Y. M. Offret's little children's train at Wildwood in 1945(Bertha McKean Offret foto).

various families involved drew lots to determine the location of individual cabin sites. Part of the area was laid out for cabins, while the area nearest the highway was set aside for recreation such as tennis and softball. In the first couple of years, the various families set up tents, some with wooden floors. Then slowly the cabins were built.

Much later in time, there was a service station built next to the highway ran by a Frenchman named Y. M. Offret. He was the caretaker of Wildwood who lived in the stone house near the community entrance. He came to Wildwood in 1929, after spending some time leasing the Cliff Inn service station at the mouth of the canyon